

Science, Policy, Markets— What's Ahead?

Preliminary Program



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2005

5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Registration



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2005

7:15 Registration opens, Continental Breakfast

8:30 **Welcome**, Chief Economist
2005 Agricultural, Trade and Policy Prospects Chief Economist and Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services
Opening Address, Secretary of Agriculture
Keynote Speaker, Norman Borlaug, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

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10:15 Coffee Break

10:45 **Plenary Panel: A 360-Degree View of Science and Agricultural Policy**

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12:30 Networking Luncheon, Exhibit Hall open: New e-Government Tools at USDA

1:00 2005 Retail Food Price Outlook

1:45	Science and Agriculture	Farm and Trade Policy	Renewable Energy	Farming and Rural America	Food and Consumers
	New Challenges To Safeguarding Animal and Human Health	Globalization and the Role of the WTO	Long-term Energy Supply and Price Prospects	2005 Farm Finance Outlook	The New Dietary Guidelines and Food Guidance System
3:30	Refreshment Break				
3:45	Forging Harmonized International Safeguards Shaping Science and Technology Policies in Developing Countries To Facilitate Trade	Forces Shaping the Next Farm Policy Debate	Bio-fuel Issues—Local Economic Benefits, Co-product Supplies, Future Technologies	New Dimensions in Risk Management	Impact of Alternative Retail Outlets on Supply, Demand and Prices
5:30	Cash Bar Reception				
6:30	Forum Dinner , Kathleen Bader, CEO, Cargill Dow LLC				



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2005

7:15 Registration opens, Continental Breakfast, Exhibit Hall open: New e-Government Tools at USDA

	Science and Agriculture	Farm and Trade Policy	2005 Market Outlook	Farming and Rural America	Food and Consumers
8:15	Enhancing and Harmonizing Science-Based Food Safety Policies in the Hemisphere	Conservation Programs in the Next Farm Bill	Grains and Oilseeds Outlook Which Avenue for Sugar Trade Reform?	Succession Planning for an Aging Farm Population	Celebrating 90 Years of USDA Market News Reporting
10:00	Coffee Break				
10:30		The Future of North American Market Integration under NAFTA	Livestock and Poultry Outlook Cotton and Fibers Outlook	Rural Development Programs in the Next Farm Bill	Direct and Niche Marketing Brings Local Food to Local People
12:15	Cash Bar Reception				
12:45	Sugar and Sweeteners Luncheon		Grains, Oilseeds and Livestock Luncheon	Cotton and Fibers Luncheon	Horticulture Luncheon
2:15	Science and Agriculture	Farm and Trade Policy	2005 Market Outlook		Food and Consumers
	Responding to the Challenge of Invasive Species	The Biosafety Protocol and the WTO—Trade Conflict or Compatible?	Milk and Dairy Products Outlook		Preparing for Food Chain Disruptions
4:00	Adjourn				

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